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Did You Know?

Brendan Tieu (Year 10) has been selected to play badminton for the Under 17 and Under 19 NSW state teams.

He has also been selected for the 2009 Under 19 National Squad team.

According to the Badminton Association, Brendan is ranked number 1 in singles and doubles and third in mixed doubles in the under 17 age group.

Deputy Director-General for a Day



Cameron with Trevor Fletcher as Deputy Director-General (Schools) for a Day.

During Education Week, the Department of Education and Training opened its senior management positions to High School students from all over the state. So, on 27th May, I headed to the Bridge Street Office to spend the day with Trevor Fletcher the Deputy Director General (Schools). I represented the Northern Sydney Region. Another student from the South Western Sydney Region also spent the day with the Deputy Director General (Schools).

Trevor Fletcher started off as a primary school PE teacher in Victoria and slowly worked his way up the Victorian education system before transferring to NSW, bringing with him valuable experience from his work upgrading the Victorian Education system. He is down to earth and a great bloke, clearly in love with his job.

Throughout the course of the day I peppered him with questions about the education system and its woes. The overriding theme being "if it's obvious, why aren't we doing it?" And to each question, he had a clear, concise answer about why they haven't yet and their plans to do it in the future. I had assumed the Department was a huge bureaucracy out of touch with actual schools, but my day with him clearly showed the opposite.

We discussed many things such as the role of positions within the Department, about devolution in the bureaucracy and even swine flu. We also visited two schools during the day, Blaxcell Street Public School and Endeavour Sports High. Mr. Fletcher told us how every single school he visits is individual in their approach to education; hence the problem with a one-size fits all approach. At the primary school we saw four teachers wearing suits, taking pride in their work and giving their students a role model. At the high school, we learnt that while they did have an expanded sports program and had many students in high level sporting competitions this didn't stop them from providing quality education to its students. The entire day was a great experience and I gained a much deeper understanding of our education system.

Cameron Carmody, Year 11

Human Swine Influenza

The latest update from the Director-General on Human Swine Influenza

As previously advised, students who have travelled to greater metropolitan Melbourne, Mexico, Panama, USA, Canada and Japan will be required to stay away from school for seven days after their return to NSW. It is important that this advice from NSW Health is taken seriously and followed through in all our schools.

If there are other members of the family who DID NOT travel with the student to the locations mentioned they can continue to go to school.

NSW Health advises that anyone returning from one of the above locations who develops flu-like symptoms should seek medical advice in accordance with the guidelines published on the Department of Education & Training's influenza website at; <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/adminandmanage/ohands/hsi/index.htm>.

Calendar

June 2009

- 19 - Yrs 11 and 12 Careers Morning (P1 and 2)
- Yr 12 Business Studies Excursion (Zenith Centre, Chatswood)
- 22 - Zone Athletics Carnival (2 days)
- 23 - ICAS Spelling and Writing Competitions
- Yr 11 Physics Excursion (Macquarie University)
- 24 - Yr 8 Medieval Day (Theatre)
- 25 - P2 Yr 10 Course Selection Meeting (Hall)
P3 Yr 8 Course Section Meeting (Hall)
- 29 - Parents of Yr 8 & 10 students Course Information Evening (Hall and A Block) – See article this page

July 2009

- 1 - Yr 12 Physics Excursion (Sydney University)
- 2 - German Study Tour commences
- 3 - Special Religious Education Seminars - Yr 12 (P2), Yr 11 (P3)
- 8 - Creative & Performing Arts Fest (3 days)
- 9 - Winter Sports Semi Finals
- 10 - Last day Term 2
- 27 - School Development Day
- 28 - First day Term 3 – students
- 29 - Yr 11 Biology Excursion (Australian Museum and Botanic Gardens)
- 30 - Winter Sports Finals
- 31 - CHS Cross Country Carnival
- Prefect Mufti Day

August 2009

- 2 - Yr 10 PASS Ski Excursion (6 days)
- 3 - Sydney North Athletics Carnival (2 days)
- Yr 11 VET Work placement (2 weeks)
- 4 - ICAS English Competition (Yrs 9 & 10)

PDHPE HSC Revision Sessions

When: Every Wednesday morning at 8am

Where: E18

What: Tackling HSC questions and revising the syllabus.

School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Course Information Meetings for Parents of Year 8 and 10 Students

Years 8 and 10 parents and students are advised that it is the time for selection of courses for 2010.

Information sessions for the parents of students in Year 8 and 10 will be held on:

Monday, 29th June 2009 in the Kerrabee Hall

Year 8 at 6.00pm and Year 10 at 6.45pm ←

Please note new times

In order to provide students and parents with as much information as possible to assist in decision-making regarding programs of study for students in Year 9 and 11 2010, special booklets are being prepared and will be distributed to Year 8 and Year 10 during Week 8.

The booklets contain a wealth of general and specific information about courses and programs of study. The meetings will provide parents and students with details about NSW Board of Studies requirements for the award of the School and Higher School Certificates in 2011. All faculties will have representatives available at the evening meeting to present information about courses and answer any questions or queries you may have.

Students will be asked to return their completed course selection forms, nominating their course choices, to school early in Term 3.

Glenda Robinson, Relieving Principal

Zonta “Young Women in Public Affairs Award”



On Tuesday 9th June, Mrs Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare, and I had the pleasure of hearing **Amaanat Sahota (Year 11)** speak about what young women could do to promote women’s issues in making life better throughout the world at the Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award dinner. Amaanat used many examples of women who have made and are making a difference in the world and drew on her own experiences working as a volunteer for the St Johns Ambulance.

She spoke eloquently against tough competition from both non-government and selective schools. Amaanat can be proud of her efforts.

To enter this competition, Aanaanat had to write a short essay and document her many achievements both at school and in the wider community.

Amaanat is another example of students willing to take up one of the many opportunities to represent Killara High School. Congratulations, Amaanat.

Liz Allcott, Year 11 Adviser

Please Note



For EFTPOS and credit card transactions at the school, the minimum amount is \$20.

Killara High School Performing Arts Ensemble Program - Band Camp 2009

During week 5 of this term Concert Bands 1, 2, 3, the Choir, Orchestra and Strings all packed their bags and headed for Galston for the Performing Arts Ensemble Band Camp. Students spent three days and nights working intensively in their ensembles rehearsing items for the upcoming Yamaha and McDonalds competitions.

Students also participated in small group tutorials and all came together to create a mass choral item to be performed at the end of camp concert.

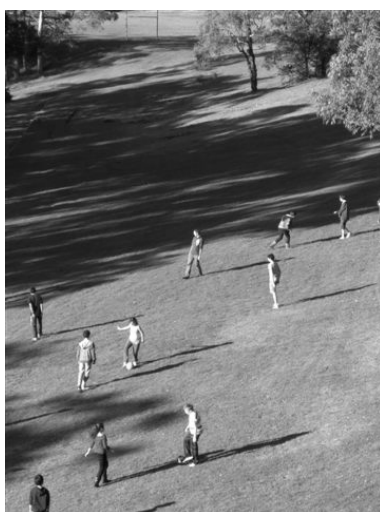
Students worked very hard but had a great time and enjoyed a night of bush dancing and a fantastic trivia night organised by the students from the Arts Council (**Stephen Mackay, James Jordan, Efrem Beniagar, Lilli Barto, Ellie Shearer, Francesca Lander-McLeod and Oliver Nelson (Year 10)**).

The final night concluded with a concert for family and friends where each ensemble performed items they had been rehearsing over the three days.

Thanks to Ms Robinson, Ms Bromley, Ms Brown, Ms Capper, Mr Pratt, Mr Mulready and Mr Jones for volunteering their time to make this camp possible. Thanks also go to all the conductors, tutors and the P&C Performing Arts Ensemble Committee for all their hard work at the camp.

Huge congratulations to all the students who participated with such enthusiasm and dedication. The photographs below are a testament to the fun and hard work we all had at camp!

Giovanna Trenoweth
Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts



The Global Leaders Convention



Every night all over the world 900 million people go to bed hungry, suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition. And without people realising it we are having a direct affect on these people's lives and futures.

Earlier this month four students from Killara High School - **Zoe Champion (Year 11)**, **Drew McIntosh (Year 11)**, **Sienna Lake (Year 10)** and **Bronte Hall (Year 9)** - attended a national World Vision Convention on the Global Food Crisis at Sydney Olympic Park. Although the Convention was called the Global Leaders Convention it did more than just inform us about how to be better leaders, it gave us an insight into the daily lives and sufferings of people who are less fortunate than we are, giving us the tools and inspiration to cause change.

We were joined by students from high schools all over Sydney from the Blue Mountains to the Central Coast. Everyone had come to the convention not knowing what to expect but eager to learn everything the day had to offer. The convention was full of inspiring guest speakers from Kenya and Australia, motivational music, games, eye opening videos and free t-shirts. Although each activity was different, they were all inspirational and gave us an insight into what we are doing to cause this crisis and how we can change it.

At the end of the day as everybody made the trip back from Homebush, we all left the convention feeling different. We had learnt that there is a lot of suffering in our world and in comparison to other peoples lives on the other side of the world we should be very grateful for every opportunity and experience we are given and take granted for.

But we also learnt that each action we take can make a difference, by doing small things like participating in the 40 Hour Famine or by buying Fair Trade products, you are making a small impact. With every little thing you do you are making a big difference, by doing this you are becoming a leader, transforming words into action and changing our world.

Drew McIntosh (Year 11)
KHS Vision Generation Leader

Killara High School Student Beats Drug Charge!

On Tuesday 1st June 2009 the Killara High School Mock Trial team met against a team from North Sydney Boys' High.

In this Mock Trial, the defendant, **Lauran Davis** was charged with importing heroin into Australia. She was well represented by barristers **Elyse Johnson** and **Serrah Katz** and solicitor **Michal Mraz**. She was also well supported by **Shanelle Brener** who, as an experienced Professor of Psychiatry, was an excellent

character witness. **Maddy Ellis** did well to manage the trial and assist the Magistrate.

The team performed professionally and confidently to win the case.

Thanks also go to Mrs Lake, Mr Butler and Mrs Schofield who helped with the organisation.

Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher HSIE

Student Information Forums

On the 21st May, the Killara High School Social Justice Committee revived a long standing tradition in the form of the **Political Forum**. First started over 24 years ago by Bruce Kelso, the Head Teacher of History who passed away in 2003, the forums over the years have given students the ability to develop their own political views and opinions prior to voting age.

The speakers were local member, Jonathan O'Dea from the Liberal Party, Tom Uren representing the ALP, Councillor Chris Harris from the Greens and Brianna

Pike, a member for the Socialist Alliance. In addition Yvonne Harrison from the Australian Electoral Commission explained to the students how voting works.

We would like to especially thank our speakers most of whom accepted at short notice and hope that the forum was of use to those students from Years 10, 11 and 12 who attended.

On 9th March, Killara High hosted an **International Women's Day forum** as an initiative of the Social Justice Committee. Guest speakers included Mayor of

Ku-ring-gai, Cr Elaine Malicki, and a lead researcher at CSIRO, Dr Cathy Foley. It provided an opportunity for students to hear about and discuss women's rights and contemporary issues related to gender equality. We would like to thank both our speakers for sharing their experiences with us and answering our questions.

These were Killara High's first Student Involvement and Information Forums and we hope that we can hold many more in the future.

**Cameron Carmody, Year 11
Social Justice Committee**

Stage Head Teachers' Report

"Taking Charge of Your Learning" workshops, currently being offered to Years 10 and 11 students, are designed to give students strategies to become more independent learners. Workshops are currently running during lunchtime and places are limited so interested students should write their names down on the lists in our office. Topics include

- How do I know what's expected from this course
- Positive communication strategies
- Effective techniques for note-taking and summarisation
- Making an effective study timetable
- Study skills for success
- Effective study techniques for languages other than English

If there are other areas students wish to explore, we will endeavour to include these.

Is there a need for these, or similar topics, to be offered to junior students?

Attendance and explanations for absences are two areas that have been improving. One of the biggest waste of our time is following up students who are not doing the right thing when it comes to this issue. Some senior and junior students are leaving the premises and going home sick without the front office staff coordinating the departure in consultation with parents and guardians. Seniors, and to a lesser extent junior students, who are not arriving on time nor having their attendance noted will have reports which reflect this. There are procedures in place for such issues. The information is found in the **student diary**.

On the **uniform** front, there has been a great response by the student body to the random checks with fewer and fewer students not wearing the correct winter uniform. As the weather continues to get colder, students are reminded that they may wear extra layers of warm clothing under the school jumper or jersey. **It is the students' responsibility** (not Mums' or Dads'!) to be organised and have the full school uniform ready for school each day! Several students have received an After School Detention for uniform breaches. Well done, to the majority of students who are doing the right thing!

Year 8 and 10 students and parents! - don't forget to put **Monday 29th June** into your diaries! That's the day that the important Course Selection process begins for next year!

Year 12 students have now received important information regarding their HSC. This included a hard copy of the HSC timetable for 2009 and an information booklet for both students and parents regarding *Rules and Procedures for Higher School Certificate*. Students also received their Personal Identification Number (PIN), this number allows students to access schoolonline (<http://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>). Once accessed this site is personalised for each student and provides study tips, past papers and Board Links. The PIN is also required to access student HSC results ... so don't lose it.

**Christine Black, Jill Longhurst, Julie Phelan
Stage Head Teachers**

From the Library

Some new fiction titles:

Bauer, Michael Gerard. *Dinosaur Knights*.
Beale, Fleur. *End of the Alphabet*.
Cann, Kate. *Leaving Poppy*
Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur. *The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes*.
Dixon, F.W. *House Arrest*. (*The Hardy Boys – book 2 in the Murder House Trilogy*)
Fitzgerald, Wendy. *Bollywood Dreams*.
Flanagan, Richard. *Wanting*.
Fusillo, Archimede. *Last of the Braves*.
Lively, Penelope. *Consequences*.
Miller, Andrew. *One Morning Like a Bird*.

Panckridge, Michael. *The Immortal*.
Paterson, Katherine. *Come Sing, Jimmy Jo*.
Richardson, Nigel. *The Wrong Hands*.
Slovo, Gillian. *Black Orchids*.
Sykes, Helen (editor). *Perspectives*.
Welshman, Kate. *Posse*.
Walsh, Helen. *Brass*.
Wilson, Jacqueline. *Kiss*.

Some new titles:

60 classic Australian poems.
Bannister, John. **Great Whales**.
Blake, Susannah. **Coffee Indulgences**.

Bradley, Helen. *Layouts for Scrapbooking*.

Burke, Anthony. *Fear of Security: Australia's Invasion Anxiety*.

Burroughs, Augusten. *Running with Scissors: a Memoir*.

Campbell, Craig [and others] *School Choice: How Parents Negotiate the New School Market in Australia*.

Fletcher, Joann. *Cleopatra the Great: the Woman behind the Legend*.

Morse, Jennifer Corr and Harris, David G. *Australian & World Records 2009*.

Sajer, Guy. *The Forgotten Soldier: War on the Russian Front – a True Story*.

Sonneborn, Liz. *Murder at the 1972 Olympics in Munich*.

Svitil, Torene. *So You Want to Work in Animation and Special Effects?*

Weaver, Samantha C. *Saving Samantha: a Young Woman's Escape from Childhood Hell*.

Yusuf, Irfan. *Once were Radicals: My Years as a Teenage Islamo Fascist*.

Gourevitch, Philip. *We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families: Stories From Rwanda*.

Winner of the Guardian First Book Award. War reporter Philip Gourevitch documents the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. Decimation means the killing of every 10th person in a population, and in the spring and early summer of 1994 a program of massacred decimated the Republic of Rwanda. Although the killing was low-tech – performed largely by machete – it was carried out at dazzling speed: of an original population of about 7½ million, at least 800,000 people were killed in just a hundred days. Rwandans often speak of a million deaths, and they may be right. It was the most efficient mass killing since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

McGee-Sippel, Lorraine. *Hey Mum, What's a Half-Caste?*

Lorraine McGee-Sippel was just a small girl when she asked her parents why her skin colour was different from theirs. It was the 1950s and the first step on a journey of unanswered questions that would span decades and lead her to search for her birth family. Although Lorraine was a descendant of the Yorta-Yorta people, her adoptive parents were told their daughter was of Afro-American descent.

**Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians**

Careers Corner

University of Notre Dame 2010 Early Offers

This program is suitable for academically gifted students who achieve a minimum of three A grades across their HSC subjects or an average of 75 per cent or higher. Deadline for submission of applications is 10th July. Interested students should contact the careers office for application procedures.

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance

This new course which will be offered by a range of public hospitals is ideal for students commencing Year 11 in 2010 and who are interested in a career in nursing. The course will have a 2-unit value and may be included in the Higher School Certificate. Information sessions will be held in August. For further information on these sessions contact the careers office.

Kenvale College Scholarship Program

Students currently enrolled in Hospitality as an HSC subject can apply to do work experience in events management at Kenvale College as part of its "Get Real Experience". Students participating in this program may qualify for a Kenvale College scholarship. For further information, telephone 9314 6213.

Tocal College Open Days

These will showcase Tocal College's courses in agriculture and animal husbandry and will be held on 17th and 24th July. To book, telephone 1800 025 520.

Laing and Simmons 2010 Real Estate Scholarship

Application forms for this scholarship are available from the careers office.

Northern Sydney Institute Digi-Girls Airbrushing School

This 2-day course which costs \$120 will be held at North Sydney TAFE and is suitable for girls interested in visual arts, graphic design and animation. To register, contact the careers office.

Education Adventures - A Ski and Snowboard Instructor Internship Opportunity

If you are interested in getting paid employment in a range of Canadian ski-resorts at the end of this year visit <http://ski-snowboard-training.educatingadventures.com/ea-ski-snowboard.html>.

Free Course on "Mastering Exams"

This is being offered by theschoolforexcellence. Participants should give a paper note donation to Oxfam. Application forms can be completed online at www.tsfx.com.au/nsw

Edassist Winter HSC 2009

Revision courses are offered by Edassist in a wide range of HSC courses. The program and costs can be located at www.edassist.com.au.

For further information on any of the above please contact the careers office

Colleen Clarke and Gemma Veriga, Careers Advisers